of the claims currently under consideration in this application are included for the Examiner's convenience.

1-22. (Withdrawn)

23. (Not Amended Herein) An ink-jet recorded image comprising a colored portion which contains fine particles having a coloring material in a monomolecular state on surfaces thereof, wherein a saturation in CIE-L*a*b* space at a solid printed area of the colored portion is at least 50.

24. (Amended) An ink-jet recorded image comprising a colored portion formed on a recording medium, wherein the colored portion is formed with fine particles or aggregates thereof and a coloring material adsorbed on a surface of the fine particles or aggregates thereof in a monomolecular state.

25. (Amended) An ink-jet recorded image, comprising a coloring material and fine particles provided on a recording medium, wherein the recording medium is in direct contact with part of fine particles and aggregates thereof, and part of the coloring material is adsorbed in a monomolecular state onto a surface of the fine particles and aggregates thereof.

26. (Amended) An ink-jet recorded image formed on a recording medium, the image comprising a coloring material and fine particles reactive with the coloring material provided on a coloring medium, wherein aggregates of the fine particles having the coloring material thereon by adsorption in a monomolecular state are forming a main portion of the image, and the main portion has a feathering portion formed with the coloring material in a peripheral part thereof.

27. (Amended) An ink-jet recorded image formed on a recording medium comprising a coloring material and fine particles reactive with the coloring material, wherein a ratio of the coloring material to the fine particles is larger in a peripheral portion of the image than in a main portion of the image.

28. (Not Amended Herein) The ink-jet recorded image according to any one of Claims 23 to 27, wherein the coloring material is anionic or cationic, and the fine particles have a polarity opposite to the coloring material.

29. (Not Amended Herein) The ink-jet recorded image according to Claim 28, wherein the fine particles have such a surface potential that an absolute value of a zeta potential in an aqueous liquid composition in which the fine particles are dispersed is 5 to 90 mV.

30. (Not Amended Herein) The ink-jet recorded image according to any one of Claims 23 to 27, wherein the average particle diameter of the fine particles is within a range of from 0.005 to 1 μm.

31. (Not Amended Herein) The ink-jet recorded image according to any one of Claims 23 to 27, wherein the image is of plural colors.

32. (Not Amended Herein) The ink-jet recorded image according to Claim 31, wherein the plural colors are at least two colors selected from the group consisting of yellow, magenta, cyan, red, green, blue and black.

33. (Not Amended Herein) A recorded article having an image comprising a colored portion on a recording medium, wherein the image comprises at least one of fine particles and aggregates

of fine particles, at least one of the fine particles and the aggregates of fine particles adsorb a coloring material in a monomolecular state on the surfaces thereof, and at least one of the fine particles and the aggregates of fine particles come into contact with the surface of a constituent of a recording medium through the coloring material.

34. (Amended) A recorded article comprising at least one of fine particles and aggregates of fine particles, on the surfaces of which a coloring material has been adsorbed in a monomolecular state, said fine particles or aggregates being present on the surface of a recording medium in the form of an aggregate mass containing voids.

35. (Amended) A recorded article having an image comprising a colored portion on a recording medium, wherein the colored portion includes a first region containing at least one of fine particles and aggregates of fine particles, on the surfaces of which a coloring material has been adsorbed in a monomolecular state, and a second region located outside the first region and containing the coloring material.

36. (Amended) A recorded article comprising, on the surface of a recording medium, a recorded portion containing at least one of fine particles and aggregates of fine particles, on the surfaces of which a recording agent has been adsorbed in a monomolecular state.

37-38. (Withdrawn)

39. (Amended) A surface-treated article wherein the surface of the article has at least one of fine particles and aggregates of fine particles, the surfaces of the particles having a functional substance that has been adsorbed in a monomolecular state.

40-49. (Withdrawn)

50. (Amended) A recorded article having a colored portion formed on a recording medium, the colored portion containing at least one of fine particles and aggregates of fine particles, on the surfaces of which a coloring material has been adsorbed in a monomolecular state, wherein at least one of the coloring material and the fine particles has penetrated into an inside of the recording medium.